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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF REMARKS BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS
TO RIBICOFF GROUP

1. MR. GEORGE MURPHY, STAFF DIRECTOR OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ATOMIC ENERGY, WHO ACCOMPANIED SENATE GROUP WHICH VISITED
ISRAEL IN NOVEMBER, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF THE EMBASSY
IN CLEARING UP A COMMENT WHICH, ACCORDING TO MURPHY, WAS
MADE BY SEVERAL ISRAELI OFFICIALS DURING COURSE OF VISIT.
CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION
OF TRIP REPORT WHICH JCAE STAFF IS NOW DRAFTING.

2. AS EXPLAINED BY MR. MURPHY, ISRAELI OFFICIALS CONTENTED
THAT WHEN EGYPT SIGNED NPT, IT ENTERED RESERVATION WITH
RESPECT TO APPLICATION OF TREATY TO ISRAEL. ISRAELI
OFFICIALS WERE UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THIS STATEMENT WAS
MADE FORMALLY BY EGYPTIANS ON OCCASION OF SIGNATURE, IN
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PRESS COMMENTS OR IN SOME OTHER WAY. THEY ALSO WERE UN-
CLEAR PRECISELY AS TO WHAT RESERVATION CONSISTED OF, BEYOND
GENERAL NOTION OF NON-APPLICABILITY TO ISRAEL. HOWEVER,
MURPHY STATED THAT ISRAELI CONTENTION DID NOT REFER TO
WELL-KNOWN REPORT THAT EGYPT HAS MADE RATIFICATION OF TREATY
CONDITIONAL ON ISRAELI ADHERENCE.

3. WE ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND NATURE OF CLAIMED
RESERVATION ATTRIBUTED BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO EGYPTIANS
IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNATURE OF NPT. WE WOULD, HOWEVER,
LIKE TO ACCOMMODATE MURPHY'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION
AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACTING APPROPRIATE
ISRAELI OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO FURNISH THIS. MURPHY
STRESSED THAT HE IS NOT SEEKING ANY JUDGMENT AS TO
PROPRIETY OF THIS RESERVATION, ONLY A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF ITS NATURE AND TIME AND PLACE OF ITS ANNOUNCEMENT,
IF IT IN FACT EXISTS. COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DURING WEEK OF
JANUARY 3 IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAY IN PREPARATION OF
REPORT.
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